
DIGEST

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HB No. 780

Abstract: Provides relative to the authority granted to the Broussard Environmental Service and Enhancement District to enter into contracts for service outside of the corporate limits of the city of Broussard.

Present law creates the Broussard Environmental Services and Enhancement District as a political subdivision of the state for the protection, enhancement, and development of the environment and for performing research and educational projects related thereto. Provides that the purposes of the district may be carried out through the treatment, processing, and recycling of sewage, through the provision and/or supervision of related environmental services or through such other methods as it may choose. Provides for the powers and duties of the district, including to construct, purchase, own, maintain, operate and improve sewage treatment facilities, and undertake other environmental protection, enhancement, and development projects as provided in present law. Provides that the district shall be governed by a board of eight members, including the mayor of the city of Broussard, six members appointed by the governing authority of the city, and one designee appointed by Bayou Livestock, Inc., or its successor.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the district to contract with such public bodies or private entities as it deems appropriate to provide for the receipt, treatment, and disposal of sewage from the public bodies or private entities. Provides however, that the district may not, without prior approval of the Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government, contract to provide sewage collection, disposal, or treatment services with any person other than the city of Broussard, or any entity located within the corporate limits of the city of Broussard.

Proposed law removes provision that requires the district to receive the approval of the Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government prior to entering into contracts with public or private entities outside the corporate limits of the city of Broussard. Provides however, that the district shall not enter into any such contract for receipt, treatment, or disposal of sewage from a public body or private entity that is located more than 10 miles outside of the corporate limits of the city of Broussard.

Proposed law requires the district, at least 30 days prior to entering a contract with a public body or private entity located outside the corporate limits of the city, to publish once in the official journal of Lafayette Parish, a notice of intention to enter into any such contract. Additionally requires the district to notify Lafayette Utilities System, by certified letter, of its intention to enter

into any such contract at least 30 days prior to entering the contract. Authorizes the district to, by resolution of its members, provide for additional notice requirements.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:4065.11 and 4065.13(B))